

ALTERNATIVE FUELS (FY05)

General Services Division
(512) 302-2408

- 4,125 TxDOT cars and trucks (on-road vehicles) use compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in addition to gasoline.
- 273 pieces of off-road equipment such as asphalt spreaders and forklifts use LPG or electricity.
- TxDOT vehicles use 4.9 million gallons of alternative fuels instead of gasoline every year.
- TxDOT voluntarily uses ultra-low sulfur diesel and purchases hybrid (gas/electric) and flex-fuel vehicles.

AVIATION

Aviation Division
(512) 416-4550

- 300 airports in Texas are eligible for TxDOT funding (FY05).
- 48,281 pilots have been certified in Texas by the Federal Aviation Administration (FY05).
- The Texas airport system is the largest in the nation.
- Federal Appropriations \$55.2 m
State Appropriations \$16.1 m

BEAUTIFICATION (FY05)

Travel Division
(512) 486-5904

- 3,750 volunteer groups adopted more than 7,900 miles of right of way as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program.
- The Adopt-a-Highway program allows groups and organizations to voluntarily pick up trash along designated stretches of TxDOT-maintained roadways.
- TxDOT sows more than 40,000 pounds of wildflower seeds every year as part of its vegetation management program.
- 133,176 trees, shrubs and ground coverings were planted along state-maintained highways.

BRIDGES (Sept. 2005)

Bridge Division
(512) 416-2278

- Texas has 49,094 bridges, about 40 percent more than any other state. TxDOT conducts routine inspections of each bridge at least once every two years, classifying it by condition according to federal and state requirements.
- Texas has 2,247 structurally deficient bridges. These bridges are limited in their load-carrying capacity or they frequently flood, creating severe traffic delays.
- Texas has 7,847 functionally obsolete bridges. These bridges do not meet current geometrical design standards and do not efficiently handle today's traffic volumes and types.
- Texas has 1,573 substandard-for-load-only bridges. These bridges are not structurally deficient or functionally obsolete but have a load capacity less than the maximum permitted by state law.
- Contracts were awarded to replace or rehabilitate 438 bridges. The value of these contracts is \$518.8 million (FY05).
- Contracts were awarded to build 211 new bridges. The value of these contracts is \$432.4 million (FY05).
- Texas has 30 international bridges open to traffic between Texas and Mexico.
- The average age of Texas bridges is 41 years for bridges on the state highway system and 32 years for bridges off the state highway system.



Public Information Office
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Budget (FY06 appropriations, in millions)

Finance Division
(512) 463-8967

Plan It	
Plan/design/manage	\$344.6
Contracted planning & design	460.2
Right of way acquisition	605.3
Research	22.3
Total	\$1,432.4
Build It	
Highway construction	\$3,093.8
Aviation	87.1
Total	\$3,180.9
Maintain It	
Contracted maintenance	\$2,119.9
Routine maintenance	518.1
Gulf waterway	1.0
Ferry system	23.5
Total	\$2,662.5
Use It	
Public transportation	\$56.9
Medical transportation	92.7
Registration and titling	66.8
Vehicle dealer regulation	5.9
Traffic safety	26.3
Travel information	20.3
Automobile theft prevention	12.9
Rail Safety	1.1
Total	\$283.1
Manage It	
Central administration	\$35.1
Information resources	33.9
Other support services	36.4
Regional administration	68.0
Total	173.4
Grand Total	\$7,732.4

Note: totals may not add up due to rounding.
Source: 79th Texas Leg. SB No. 1, General Appr. Act

Employees (LAR 06-07)

Finance Division,
(512) 463-8967
14,830.8 full-time equivalent positions
(not including summer hires)

GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

Transportation Planning & Programming Division
(512) 486-5000

- The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway connects ports along the Gulf of Mexico and is a vital part of the U.S. transportation system.
- The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway extends 423 miles along the Texas coast.
- In 2003, 109,797 barges carried 68.5 million short tons of cargo.

INCOMING REVENUE (HIGHWAY FUND 6)
(FY06 in millions)

Finance Division
(512) 936-2701

State Highway Fund	
Federal funds	\$3,479.9
Motor fuel tax	2,223.3
Vehicle registration	924.0
Debt Proceeds	600.0
Other	459.5
Total (State Highway Fund)	\$7,686.7

Texas Mobility Fund	
Taxes, Fines, Fees & Misc.	\$87.4
Bonds Proceeds	1,000.0
Total (Texas Mobility Fund)	\$1,087.4

MOTOR CARRIERS (FY05)

Motor Carrier Division
(512) 465-3579

- 478,617 oversize/overweight permits issued.
- 43,437 registered intrastate motor carriers, including commercial bus companies, tow truck operators, household goods carriers and operators of commercial motor vehicles exceeding 26,000 pounds. These carriers must obtain operating authority from TxDOT.
- 344,638 vehicles operated by intrastate motor carriers were registered in Texas.
- The number of registered intrastate motor carrier companies increased more than 9% from FY04 to FY05. The number of registered vehicles operated by these companies increased 7%.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation Division
(512) 416-2867

- 7,167 transit vehicles including buses and vans operated in Texas (FY04).
- TxDOT provided 272.8 million rides on public transportation vehicles (FY04).
- Total federal apportionments for Texas public transportation: \$310.8 m (FY05).
- 3.6 million one-way trips for people receiving services through the Medical Transportation Program at a cost of \$37.5 m (FY05).

RECYCLING (FY05)

General Services Division
(512) 302-2408

- TxDOT purchased \$595 million worth of enviromentally preferable products.

Recycled Materials

Compost	390,000 cubic yds.
Crumb rubber	17,400 tons
Crushed concrete	960,600 tons
Steel	324,000 tons

- In addition, TxDOT recovered 480 tons of paper, 6,600 gallons of used oil, 2 million cubic yards of reclaimed asphalt pavement, and more than 3,100 tons of scrap metal for recycling.

RIGHT OF WAY

Right of Way Division
(512) 416-2902

TxDOT maintains 1.1 million acres of right of way.

The department acquires approximately 1800 parcels per year.

TxDOT administers a right of way aquisition professional services program of approximately \$20 million per year.

Approximately 500 utility facilities are adjusted every year to accomodate transportation projects.

SYSTEM SIZE (CY04)

For information on centerline miles:
Transportation Planning and Programming Division
(512) 486-5000

For information on picnic and safety areas:
Maintenance Division
(512) 416-3054

TxDOT maintains 79,645 centerline miles (miles traveled in a one-way direction regardless of the number of lanes in a roadway).

State-maintained centerline miles

Interstate highways	3,233
U.S. highways	12,101
State highways	16,256
Farm or Ranch to Market roads	40,996
Frontage roads	6,719
Park roads	339

TxDOT maintains 743 picnic areas (areas that include picnic tables), and 101 rest areas (areas that include restroom facilities and picnic tables).

TOURISM (FY04)

Travel Division
(512) 486-5900

3.4 million people visited TxDOT’s Travel Information Centers. TxDOT responded by mail to 450,229 tourism inquiries.

Texas Highways magazine has an average circulation of 256,128.

TRAFFIC (FY04)

Transportation Planning and Programming Division
(512) 486-5000

The average *daily* vehicle miles traveled (VMT) on state-maintained highways is 460.6 million miles. The average daily VMT on all roadways in the state is 626.6 million miles.

The average *annual* VMT on state-maintained highways is 168.6 billion miles (229.3 billion on all state roadways).

While only 26 percent of roadways in Texas are state-maintained, 74 percent of all VMT occurs on state-maintained highways.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Traffic Operations Division
(512) 416-3200

TxDOT maintains 6,135 traffic signals throughout Texas at a cost of approximately \$24.5 million (FY04).

Texas has 10,392 public highway/rail crossings. About 51 percent of these crossings have signalized warning devices.

TxDOT funds 847 traffic safety programs at a cost of \$37.5 million (FY06). These include programs on the proper use of safety belts and child safety passenger seats, and on the dangers of speeding, aggressive driving and driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs.

VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION (FY05)

Vehicle Titles and Registration Division
(512) 302-2076

VTR, in partnership with 254 county tax assessor-collectors, processes and collects fees for motor vehicle title and registration. Fees collected are distributed to the state’s general revenue (GR) fund, to the counties and are used by TxDOT for the construction and maintenance of the the state’s transportation system. VTR also administers the Automobile Theft Prevention Program, providing grants to local law enforcement entities.

Total revenue collected \$4.1 b

Total fund distributions

To GR Fund 1	\$2.7 b
To Hwy Fund 6	\$897 m
To counties	\$458 m
Registered motor vehicles	19.1 m
Registered alternative-fuel vehicles	13 k
Motor vehicle titles issued	5.8 m
Customers recieving information by letter, phone, email or in person	1.9 m
Value of 32 grants for Automobile Theft Prevention Program	\$9.7 m
Specialty plates offered by TxDOT	119

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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